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AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 02461

ARA/CAR -- PLEASE ALSO PASS TO AMBASSADOR FOX

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, TD
SUBJECT: OMEGA TRINIDAD

1. FRENCH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES BLATMANN CALLED ON ME TODAY TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND TO ADVISE THAT PARIS HAS INSTRUCTED HIM OR HIS AMBASSADOR (WHO RETURNS TONIGHT), PROVIDED THIS EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE DEMARCHE ON THE GOTT IN SUPPORT OF RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT. I TOLD HIM WE HAVE NO OBJECTION AND, IN FACT, WOULD APPRECIATE THIS INTERVENTION. HE INDICATED AMBASSADOR CHOLLET PROBABLY WOULD UNDERTAKE THE MISSION EARLY NEXT WEEK AND HE WOULD ADVISE ME OF THE OUTCOME.

2. WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHAT HAS INDUCED THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THIS ACTION AT THIS TIME. BLATMANN WAS NOT INFORMATIVE ON THIS POINT. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT ALL EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, EXCEPT THE FRENCH, MADE APPROACHES HERE OR IN THEIR CAPITALS IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST THE
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DEPARTMENT MADE LAST FEBRUARY (STATE 043187)--THE FRENCH MAY POSSIBLY HAVE DONE SOMETHING THEN BUT OUR FILES AND INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY DO NOT REFLECT IT. WHILE A HAM-HANDED APPROACH TO THE GOTT AT THIS TIME BY ANOTHER GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER COULD DO MORE TO CAUSE IRRITATION AT HIGH LEVELS THAN GOOD, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT CHOLLET HAS THE DIPLOMATIC SMOOTHNESS AND SUFFICIENTLY GOOD RELATIONS

AT THE TOP TO DO THE JOB BENEFICIALLY. O'MAHONY

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